

## Resources for Latin 201—Intermediate Latin: Cicero's *In Catilinam*

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### ENCYCLOPEDIAS

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☞ *A well-written encyclopedia article can identify important editions, translations, commentaries, and criticism.*

*Brill's New Pauly: Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World: Antiquity.* Leiden: Brill, 2002-2010.

Main Reference DE5 .N3513 2002 (16 vols.)

Extensive encyclopedia with comprehensive coverage of people, places, events, and themes on the Greek and Roman worlds from the prehistory of the Aegean (2nd millennium BCE) to late antiquity (600-800 CE).

*The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

ebook, connect via OBIS (7 vols.)

Essays cover history, literature, philosophy, science, daily life, myth, religion, art, and archaeology. Each entry provides relevant primary sources and a bibliography of secondary works.

*Oxford Reference.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. <http://www.oxfordreference.com/>

Online access to dozens of reference works from OUP. Besides the landmark *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome* (see above), other classical studies titles include *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2012; *The Grove Encyclopedia of Classical Art and Architecture*, 2007 (2 vols); *The Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World*, 2007; *The Oxford Companion to Classical Civilization*, 2014; *Oxford Companion to Classical Literature*, 2011; *Who's Who in the Classical World*, 2003; *Pocket Oxford Latin Dictionary*, 2012.

*A Companion to Latin Literature.* Malden, MA: Blackwell Pub., 2005.

Main Library PA6004 .C66 2005

Essays cover historical periods, genres, and themes in Latin literature.

*The Oxford History of Historical Writing.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011

Main Reference D13 .O34 2011, Vol. 1. Beginnings to AD 600

See Ch. 10 "History and Inscriptions, Rome;" Ch. 11 "*Annales* and Analysis;" and Ch. 12 "Imperial History and Biography at Rome."

### LITERARY REFERENCE SOURCES

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*Literature Resource Center* (product from Gale Cengage Learning)

*Literary Reference Center Plus* (product from EBSCO)

These two databases provide biographical, bibliographical, and critical content on literary figures and their works from all time periods and genres. Information comes from reference works, books, and literary journals. Included are biographies, plot summaries, journal articles, reviews, and more. *Connect from Databases tab in the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu.*

*Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome.* New York: Scribner, 1982.

e-book, Main Reference PA3002.A5 1982

A collection of informative essays meant to encourage readers to delve further into the lives and works of classical Greek and Roman writers; bibliographies include a list of English translations, editions in the original Greek or Latin, and important modern works. A 27-pp. overview essay on Cicero is included.

## SELECTED LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES

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*Oxford Latin Dictionary*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Main Reference PA2365.E5 O9 2012

*501 Latin Verbs Fully Conjugated in all the Tenses...* Hauppauge, NY: Barron's Educational Series, 1995.

Main Reference PA2158 .P75 1995

*Vox Latina: A Guide to the Pronunciation of Classical Latin*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989.

Main Library PA2117.A5 1989

*Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*. Lipsiae, In Aedibus B.G. Teubneri, 1900-<c2000>

"The project began in 1894 and it is scheduled to be completed around the year 2050. The last fascicle of the P-volume appeared in 2010, and work is currently under way on both N and R. The institution that carries out the work of the dictionary is located in Munich, in the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities." --*Wikipedia*

## FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

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**OBIS** is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online borrowing is available through the **OhioLINK Library Catalog**, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through **SearchOhio**, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

*Search for names as both AUTHOR (for writings by people) and SUBJECT (for writings about people and their works).*

Cicero, Marcus Tullius (author search)

Cicero, Marcus Tullius. Correspondence

Cicero, Marcus Tullius. In Catilinam

Cicero, Marcus Tullius. Speeches

Cicero, Marcus Tullius (subject search)

Cicero, Marcus Tullius -- Criticism and interpretation

Cicero, Marcus Tullius -- Dictionaries

Cicero, Marcus Tullius -- Translations into English

☞ *Alternative tip for finding translations: limit search results by language = English*

*To find specific works, commentaries, or works on a theme, also try keyword searches combining the author's name and one or more title or subject words:*

cicero and catilinam

cicero and works

cicero and commentar\*

cicero and ethic\*

*For dictionaries and grammars, search for "[name of language] language" as a subject, with these sub-headings:*

Latin language -- Dictionaries

Latin language -- Dictionaries -- English (bilingual)

Latin language -- Grammar

### **Which ones are the best?**

Besides relying on references included in standard encyclopedias and textbooks, here are some tips to find authoritative, reliable publications:

- look for works published by prominent university presses (Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, Michigan, Chicago, etc.) or scholarly academic publishers (Brill, de Gruyter, etc.)
- limit by date to filter your search results to more recent publications
- look for works that have come out in multiple editions
- look for works written by prominent scholars

## IMPORTANT SERIES

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*The Loeb Classical Library* from Harvard University Press publishes works of Greek and Latin literature with texts and accurate and literate English translation on facing pages. Included are epic and lyric poetry; tragedy and comedy; history, travel, philosophy, and oratory; the great medical writers and mathematicians; the Church fathers. The editors provide substantive introductions as well as essential critical and explanatory notes and selective bibliographies.

*The Oxford Classical Texts* from Oxford University Press publishes texts without commentary, but with brief critical notes at the foot of each page. There are now over a hundred volumes, representing the greater part of classical Greek and Latin literature. New volumes are still being published to fill the remaining gaps, and to revise old editions in the light of recent research.

*Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics* from Cambridge University Press publishes texts and commentaries on works of Greek and Latin literature aimed primarily at undergraduate and graduate students. Almost one hundred volumes have been published to date. The commentaries discuss texts as works of literature and provide guidance to students.

*Penguin Classics* from Penguin Books, a subsidiary of Penguin Random House, publishes English translations of “classics” from all languages, genres, and time periods, including the Classical era. Translations often strive to convey more of a lucid and eloquent English prose translation, rather than providing a literal translation of the original.

## BROWSING THE LIBRARY STACKS

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### Library of Congress Classification System

CLASS P - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SUBCLASS PA - Greek language and literature. Latin language and literature

PA1 199	Classical philology	PA6393-6444	Horace
PA2001-2915	Latin philology and language	PA6482-6496	Lucretius Carus, Titus
PA3000-3049	Classical literature	PA6501-6510	Martial
PA6000-6971	Roman literature	PA6519-6553	Ovid
PA6001-6097	Literary history	PA6568-6609	Plautus, Titus Maccius
PA6100-6140	Collections	PA6611-6637	Pliny, the Elder
PA6141-6144	Criticism, interpretation, etc.	PA6661-6693	Seneca, Lucius Annaeus
PA6155-6191	Translations	PA6705-6753	Tacitus, Cornelius
PA6202-6971	Individual authors, including:	PA6755-6785	Terentius Apher, Publius (Terence)
PA6235-6269	Caesar, Julius	PA6801-6961	Vergilius Maro, Publius (Virgil)
PA6278-6370	Cicero, Marcus Tullius		

### Dewey Decimal System

470	Italic languages; Latin	870	Italic literatures; Latin literature
471	Classical Latin writing & phonology	871	Latin poetry
472	Classical Latin etymology	872	Latin dramatic poetry & drama
473	Classical Latin dictionaries	873	Latin epic poetry & fiction
475	Classical Latin grammar	874	Latin lyric poetry
477	Old, postclassical & Vulgar Latin	875	Latin speeches
478	Classical Latin usage	876	Latin letters
		877	Latin humor & satire
		878	Latin miscellaneous writings

## WEB SITES

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*The Perseus Digital Library.* Maintained by the Classics Department, Tufts University.

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>

An open-source project that covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world; provides a large database of Greek and Latin texts and translations, images (coins, vases, sculpture), resources for textual studies, and English word searches of the texts (don't expect to find modern editions still under copyright).

*Electronic Resources for Classicists.* Maintained by Maria Pantelia, Professor of Classics, University of California, Irvine.

<http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/index/resources.html>

A meta-site of internet resources for classical studies; categories included: gateways, large databases, projects, electronic journals, bibliographical indices and bibliographies, collection of images, course materials, professional organizations, e-text archives, classics departments, publishers, online courses, and K-12 resources.

*Internet Sacred Text Archive.*

<http://www.sacred-texts.com>

A "freely available archive of electronic texts about religion, mythology, legends and folklore, and occult and esoteric topics." Texts are presented in English translation and, in some cases, the original language. Some Roman texts are included in the Classics section (don't expect to find modern editions still under copyright).

## GUIDE TO REFERENCE MATERIALS IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

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*Classical Studies: A Guide to the Reference Literature.* 2nd ed. Westport, Ct: Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

Main Reference Z7016.J4 2006

Focuses on "bibliographical and information resources, not on general scholarship in the field."

## HOW TO GET HELP AT THE LIBRARY

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**Drop-in help at the Research Desk.** Just stop by and tell us what you need

Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight

Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm

Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

**IM.** Chat online with a member of Oberlin's reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

**Phone.** 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

**Email.** [reference@oberlin.edu](mailto:reference@oberlin.edu) – any time

**Research appointment.** Sign up online